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(U) EMBASSY PRESENTED FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS ON THE FOLLOWING
SES TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS (FOWG)
NOVEMBER 26, 1980:

SE NO.	NAME	US INTEREST	STATUS
2/77/11	PEREIRA PLAZA, REINALDA DEL CARMEN	AMNESTY INTL	DIS
7/78/7	DORFMAN, LAURA IRENE	SEN. TSONGAS	
		SEN. CRANSTON/SEN.	DIS
		EXON/ADL/CONG.	
		BEILENSEN/CONG. CAVANAUGH	
78/9	BARROS DE ZAFFORA, MARIA DEL CARMEN	CONG. MAGUIRE	DIS
8/9	ZAFFORA, ROBERTO OMAR	CONG. MAGUIRE	DIS
3/12	BINSTOCK, GUILLERMO DANIEL	SEN. MATHIAS/SEN.	DIS
		HAYAKAWA/ADL	
/12	BUTRON (NEE KRICHMAN), IRENE CLAUDIA	SEN. CRANSTON/ CONG.	DIS
		BEILENSEN/ADL	
12	BUTRON, MIGUEL ANGEL	SEN. CRANSTON/ CONG.	DIS
		BEILENSEN/ADL	
/2	BRODSKY, FERNANDO RUBEN	SEN. JAVITS/ADL	DIS
		CONG. GIAIMO	

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WEINSTEIN, MAURICIO FABIAN

SEN. HATFIELD/SEN. DIS
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COMMENT: THE EMBASSY NOW HAS OVER 400 OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION PENDING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, SOME OF WHICH DATING BACK TO MAY, 1979. WE DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION WITH THE HEAD OF THE FOWG, MINISTER PICO ESTRADA, NOVEMBER 28. MINISTER MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE REPLIES SINCE MOST OF THESE CASES HAVE BEEN OR ARE NOW BEFORE THE ARGENTINE COURTS. THE COURTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF DISAPPEARED INDIVIDUALS, HE SAID. IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE FOWG COULD DO MUCH BETTER. ASKED IF THE FOWG WOULD PREFER FOR THE EMBASSY TO STOP MAKING THESE SUBMISSIONS, PICO ESTRADA SAID WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUBMIT THEM.

WE ARE VERY DOUBTFUL IF WE SHALL EVER GET ANY REPLY TO OUR OUTSTANDING REQUESTS. PICO ESTRADA AND OTHERS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE IMPLIED TO US THAT THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OBJECTS TO AND REFUSES TO PROCESS US REQUESTS MADE IN BEHALF OF ARGENTINE NATIONALS. THE NEGATIVE REACTION IS REINFORCED BY THE FACT THAT, AS IN MANY OF OUR SUBMISSIONS, WE ARE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON AN INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM IN THE PAST WE HAD RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE FOWG STATING THE GOA HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL. (THE FOWG IS NOT A COMPLETE DEAD LETTER. ONE WEST GERMANY EMBASSY DID RECEIVE SEVERAL RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES SUBMITTED TO FOWG BUT THE CASES WERE DUAL NATIONALS OF THAT GERMANY COUNTRY.)

THE ATTITUDES IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND THE ABSENCE OF RESPONSES TO OUR FOWG SUBMISSIONS ARE HARDLY SURPRISING. IT

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THE VERY CLEAR PUBLIC LINE TAKEN BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITY FROM PRESIDENT VIDELA ON DOWN, THAT THE PAST IS CLOSED AND ONLY PEOPLE ENTITLED TO EXAMINE IT ARE ARGENTINES.

AS WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY WHEN WE ADVISE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS THAT WE ARE TRANSMITTING THEIR REQUESTS TO THE FOWG THAT WE ALSO ADVISE THEM THAT WE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF RECEIVING A REPLY. WE WOULD SUGGEST LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "WE WILL BE SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON MR. X. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS REQUEST WILL BE HANDLED BY ANY NEW INFORMATION ON MR. X'S SITUATION IS VERY

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LIMITED. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL MAINTAIN AN INTEREST
IN THIS MATTER AND SHOULD FURTHER INFORMATION COME TO OUR
ATTENTION WE WILL LET YOU KNOW."

(U) WE HAVE USED THIS LANGUAGE IN RESPONSE TO AN
INQUIRY FROM SENATOR HATFIELD (REFTEL) WHICH WE ARE FORWARDING
TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE PASSED TO THE SENATOR. PLEASE ADVISE
US IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THIS FORMULATION
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